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Letter dated 13 November 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Kyrgyzstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 12 November 1996, addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Askar Akayev, President of the Kyrgyz Republic.

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the fifty-first session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 39, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Zamira ESHMAMBETOVA
Permanent Representative of the Kyrgyz Republic to the United Nations

ANNEX

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Letter dated 12 November 1996 from the President of the Kyrgyz Republic addressed to the Secretary-General

The Kyrgyz Republic fully shares the deep concern which you personally, the United Nations Security Council and all interested States have expressed in connection with the military confrontation and bloodshed in Afghanistan. Your active efforts have been clearly manifested in the dispatch to the area of the armed conflict of the United Nations Special Mission headed by Mr. N. Holl, in the resolutions adopted by the Security Council, and in the search for ways to achieve a peaceful settlement in Afghanistan through the organization of a series of international working and expert conferences under the auspices and within the framework of the United Nations.

The Kyrgyz Republic, as you have been informed, stated its position on the Afghan problem at a special meeting of the Security Council, a position which is fully in keeping with the recommendations contained in the resolution adopted by the Security Council: the immediate cessation of hostilities and the holding of a political dialogue aimed at the establishment of a broad-based Government without any outside interference.

The Kyrgyz Republic, which actively and resolutely contributes to the broad international movement on behalf of peace and stability in neighbouring Afghanistan and strives to support and increase measures in the interests of regional security in the Central Asian geopolitical area, offers its capital, Bishkek, as the venue for an international conference on Afghanistan under the auspices of the United Nations. The organizational and other aspects of such a conference can, of course, be agreed during the course of its preparation. The main principle at this stage would seem to be that it should be at the ministerial level, with the participation of those countries which are members of the Security Council and of States which are interested in and have influence in Afghanistan, and that the parties to the conflict might possibly participate in the forum.

We believe that Bishkek offers suitable conditions for the holding of the conference, since, despise its relative proximity to the conflict zone, Kyrgyzstan has no common frontier with Afghanistan, there is no Kyrgyz ethnic minority in that country and Kyrgyzstan has no political and economic interests there. This makes it possible for us to take an impartial position and to create all the necessary conditions for the successful work of a conference on Afghanistan under the auspices of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 39, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Askar AKAYEV
President of the Kyrgyz Republic